

**2017-2018 BUDGET QUESTION**  
***Response to Request for Information***

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**DEPARTMENT:** Austin Police

**REQUEST NO.:** 184

**REQUESTED BY:** Kitchen

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**REQUEST:** Please explain the purpose of the line-item “trunked radio” in the amount of \$2.2 million. Is this amount allocated per officer per vehicle? Can this amount be spread out over time?

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**RESPONSE:**

Trunked Radio describes the cost associated with use of the Greater Austin-Travis Regional Radio System (GATRRS). These costs include wireless radio devices and maintenance of radio tower, antenna, and other communications infrastructure. The cost of this system is allocated to departments based on the number of wireless radios per department. As a Public Safety department, the Austin Police Department (APD) uses a significant number of wireless radios to maintain critical communications among staff, and is allocated an accordingly significant portion of the overall cost of the system. For additional information on the trunked radio allocation, please refer to page 8 of the Summary of Major Interfund Transfers report provided to Council for the April 26, 2017 policy work session.